

August 17, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Fliehs, McGannon, Blackmun, Peterson, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson and representatives of the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign a change order with HF Jacobs & Son for a reduction of the W 5th Ave contract for \$7,258.27. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank	9,354.42	ss & wh
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	975.00	emp savings
Office of Child Support	344.31	emp child support
Patrick Sieh	300.00	HWH sales incentive
AFLAC	782.32	emp ins
Associated Supply Co	22.20	chemicals
Buhls	31.70	rug rent
Car Quest	626.48	filters,oil,hoses
Dakota Supply Group	355.88	bulbs
Dearborn Natl Life Ins	88.00	life ins
Ecolab	94.70	pest control
Farmers Union Coop	119.60	gas
Fire Safety First	392.46	exting inspect,1st aid supplies
Groton Ford	1,118.99	repairs
Groton Independent	97.92	publishing
Guardian Ins	233.63	emp ins
Heartland Cons Power District	49,059.37	power
HF Jacobs & Son Constr	114,781.44	st reconst
Jacobson Electric	605.63	LM installs
Kens Food Fair	2,232.89	gas, food, supplies
Paul Kosel	283.43	med flex
Lyle Signs	165.05	brackets
MJ Sinclair	2,639.92	gas, batteries
Meierhenry Sargent	1,650.00	bond counsel
NWPS	3,428.58	power delivery
SD State Treas	7,625.95	sales tax
SD Supplement Retirement	1,330.00	emp retirement
Stan Houston Equipment	199.20	sealant
Randy Stanley	510.00	HWH sales incentive
Topkote	3,000.00	chip/seal
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	13,833.72	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	25,194.59	power

Finance Officer Lowary reported that there is a cash flow problem and the line of credit will have to be used for this month's bills.

Drainage concerns in the West Ditch Creek in Groton City limits were discussed. Mud Creek Drainage Commission requested assistance in solving this 2 foot rise by the BNSF railroad crossing. More information will be gathered on what can be done.

There will be no fall cleanup by the City of Groton in 2015. Citizens will be encouraged to participate in the Brown County Cleanup Aug 28- Sept 12.

Finance Officer Lowary announced that the SDML conference will be in Watertown on Oct 7-9 with many educational sessions available.

Council approved the end of season swimming pool hours and decided against hosting a Dog Day at the pool.

Completion of the W 5th Avenue construction and dusty streets on the alternate routes were discussed

Refinancing several loans to reduce interest rates and payments were discussed. Moved by Glover and seconded by Fliehs to hold a special meeting Aug 24 or 31 with Ray Woodsend to discuss the bonding options. All members present voted aye.

The 2016 proposed budget was discussed.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to hold the 1st meeting in Sept on Sept 8 instead of Sept 7 due to the Labor Day holiday. All members present voted aye.

At 8:19pm the Council adjourned into executive session for personnel issues on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:46pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer